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6 Attorney for DEFENDANT'S NAME

7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No.: 1:20-CR-034 DAD-BAM

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 HERMINIA HERRERA ORTIZ,

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL
OF RECORD AND APPOINT CJA
COUNSEL

13 Defendant

14 Virna L. Santos, appointed counsel of record in the above-captioned case, hereby moves
15 for an order allowing her to withdraw as counsel of record and for the appointment of new
16 counsel to represent HERMINIA HERRERA ORTIZ. As grounds she states:

- 18 1. Virna L. Santos was appointed to represent defendant on February 25, 2020:
- 19 2. At the time of appointment the undersigned was a member of the Criminal Justice
20 Act Panel for the Eastern District of California.
- 22 3. Undersigned counsel has accepted a judicial appointment to the Fresno County
23 Superior Court, and consequently, must close her private practice.
- 24 4. Defendant HERMINIA HERRERA ORTIZ is still in need of counsel. The
25 Federal Public Defender has contacted attorney Alekxia L. Torres Stallings, who
26 is available to assume representation.

1 5. Accordingly, undersigned counsel requests that she be permitted to withdraw and
2 that new counsel, Alekxia L. Torres Stallings (lextorres@torreslaw.com), be
3 appointed. Undersigned counsel requests that she be removed from the service
4 list.
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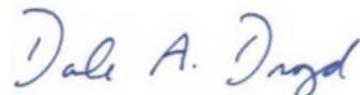
6 DATED: April 19, 2022

/s/ Virna L. Santos
VIRNA L. SANTOS
Attorney for Defendant HERMINIA HERRERA

9 **ORDER**
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11 Attorney Virna L. Santos' motion to withdraw as counsel is hereby GRANTED
12 and her name should be removed from the service list. Attorney Alekxia L. Torres Stallings is
hereby appointed as counsel *nunc pro tunc*.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.



16 Dated: April 20, 2022

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE